

It is imperative for Americans to have access to truly fair and balanced information. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. If Sinclair Broadcasting airs " Stolen Honor" without airing a counter-side, then they will have very obviously violated the requirement for equal time for political candidates. The documentary "Stolen Honor" is not an advertisement, it is a show, and thus needs to be followed by a statement or a show expressing an alternative view. If it was a paid advertisement and the stations were not forced to show the programming, this would not be a contentious issue.

Sinclair is biased and is undermining democracy in a horrible manner. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

I hope the FCC acts quickly before democracy is subverted. Please do not allow Sinclair to use the public airways to push their own political, economic agenda. To allow Sinclair to air the show will be a harmful, dangerous precedent. Sinclair broadcasting is NOT serving my community- it is only pursuing its own best interests.

Thank You,
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